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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with House Select Committee Member

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House Select Committee Members present:

Mr. Greg Rushford

Date and Place of Briefing:

25 November 1975
Room 6D0120 Headquarters Building
1300 to 1400

Comments:

Although this meeting initially focused on the question of Backfire, the conversation was led by Mr. Rushford over a variety of strategic intelligence subjects related to SALT. Mr. Rushford's chief purpose was avowedly to find evidence that the Administration, and particularly the Secretary of State, had pressured or misused national intelligence on SALT.

[redacted] and I argued that, although most SALT-related issues were highly politicized and were treated with a certain preemptive delicacy at all levels, we were not aware of political pressure on intelligence as alleged. On the contrary, we found that all these subjects sooner or later came in for very lively debate within the Community.

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We did agree with Mr. Rushford on one point: Had we had foreknowledge of the force levels being considered for the [] estimative judgments of late 1974 would probably have been different and less susceptible to public use in support of those accords. We confessed some discomfort on the way this matter had been handled.

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